

AMENDMENTS

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please delete the previous abstract and replace it with the following:

-- Methods and compounds useful for the preparation of 3'-labeled oligonucleotides and solid support modified 3'-labeled oligonucleotides are described. In particular, compounds comprising succinic esters of 2-amido-1-*O*-protected-propanediol oligonucleotide linkers are described. --